

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL Claims 2, 8, and 10, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please AMEND Claims 11 and 22 and ADD new Claims 25-30 as follows.

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a speech recognition dictionary to be used for creating a mail through voice input in an application, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmitted mail from a transmission source;

obtaining a speech recognition dictionary corresponding to the transmission source, ~~the speech recognition dictionary containing a vocabulary~~, wherein the speech recognition dictionary is obtained from a memory which retains a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries ~~or, if not obtained, is created~~;

detecting if a mail creation processing involving the transmitted mail is started;

reading the transmitted mail when the mail creation processing is detected;

analyzing the transmitted mail and extracting a plurality of unknown words ~~therefrom that do not exist in the speech recognition dictionary~~;

updating the speech recognition dictionary by adding thereto the plurality of unknown words;

storing registration time information for each of the plurality of unknown words, which indicates a time when the unknown word is added to the speech recognition dictionary; and

deleting each one of the plurality of unknown words when a specified period of time set for the each one of the plurality of unknown words has elapsed from the time indicated by the registration time information.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the registration time information indicates a date and a time when each of the plurality of unknown words is added.

13-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a control program for realizing a method for creating a speech recognition dictionary that is used for creating a mail through voice input in an application, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmitted mail from a transmission source;

obtaining a speech recognition dictionary corresponding to the transmission source, ~~the speech recognition dictionary containing a vocabulary~~, wherein the speech recognition dictionary ~~either~~ is obtained from a memory which retains a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries ~~or, if not obtained, is created~~;

detecting if a mail creation processing involving the transmitted mail is started;

reading the transmitted mail when the mail creation processing is detected;
analyzing the transmitted mail and extracting a plurality of unknown words
~~therefrom that do not exist in the speech recognition dictionary;~~
updating the speech recognition dictionary by adding thereto the plurality of
unknown words;
storing registration time information for each of the plurality of unknown words,
which indicates a time the unknown word is added to the speech recognition dictionary;
and
deleting each one of the plurality of unknown words when a specified period of
time set for the each one of the plurality of unknown words has elapsed from the time
indicated by the registration time information.

23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein said analyzing step performs
the extracting by extracting words in the transmitted mail that do not exist in a base speech
recognition dictionary.

26. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein said analyzing step performs
the extracting by extracting words in the transmitted mail that do not exist in either the
speech recognition dictionary or a base speech recognition dictionary.

27. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein said analyzing step performs the extracting by extracting words in the transmitted mail that do not exist in at least one of the plurality of speech recognition dictionaries retained in the memory.

28. (New) A storage medium according to claim 22, wherein said analyzing step performs the extracting by extracting words in the transmitted mail that do not exist in a base speech recognition dictionary.

29. (New) A storage medium according to claim 22, wherein said analyzing step performs the extracting by extracting words in the transmitted mail that do not exist in either the speech recognition dictionary or a base speech recognition dictionary.

30. (New) A storage medium according to claim 22, wherein said analyzing step performs the extracting by extracting words in the transmitted mail that do not exist in at least one of the plurality of speech recognition dictionaries retained in the memory.